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Attached please find a Transmittal Letter and Response to Examiner's Office Action for the above-identified application.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your assistance.

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Sir:

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- ☒ Response to Office Action of January 13, 2003
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In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated January 13, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 13, 2003, kindly enter the following response:

Restriction to one of the following inventions has been required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-2, are drawn to a biopolymer marker having a sequence identified as SEQ ID NO: 1 useful in indicating at least one particular disease state, classified in class 530, subclass 300.
- II. Claims 3-9, drawn to a method for evidencing and categorizing at least one disease state, classified in class 702, subclass 19.
- III. Claims 10-28 and 33-34, drawn to a diagnostic assay kit and method for determining the presence of the biopolymer marker or analyte thereof and determining risk-assessment, and identifying therapeutic avenues related to a disease state, classified in classes 422 and 436, subclasses 61 and 63. If this Group is elected, then the below summarized specie election is also required.
- IV. Claims 29-32, drawn to an antibody that specifically binds a biopolymer including the marker sequence identified as SEQ ID NO: 1 or at least one analyte thereof, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.
- V. Claim 35, drawn to a process for regulating a disease state by controlling the presence or absence of a biopolymer including the sequence identified as SEQ ID NO: 1 or at least one analyte thereof, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the Group I invention, for further prosecution on the merits.

It is understood that claims 3-35, drawn to the non-elected invention, will remain pending, albeit withdrawn from further consideration in this application.

SUMMARY

This case is related, in claim format to several pending applications of which S.N.